



6pm Choral Evensong

5 October 2025
16th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to Choral Evensong. The Vicar, Revd Joe Moffatt is officiating this evening; the preacher is Revd Michael Stokes.

The service is filmed and broadcast on our YouTube channel. Please sit in the back three rows if you want to avoid being filmed.

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| <u>Hymns</u> | 467 | Through all the changing scenes of life |
| | 357 | Father, hear the prayer we offer |
| | 392 | Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom |

Responses Howells

Canticles Weelkes *Service 'for trebles'*

Psalms 142

- 1 I cried unto the Lord with my voice: yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.
- 2 I poured out my complaints before him: and shewed him of my trouble.
- 3 When my spirit was in heaviness thou knewest my path: in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.
- 4 I looked also upon my right hand: and saw there was no man that would know me.
- 5 I had no place to flee unto: and no man cared for my soul.
- 6 I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said: Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.
- 7 Consider my complaint: for I am brought very low.
- 8 O deliver me from my persecutors: for they are too strong for me.
- 9 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name: which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

Readings

Nehemiah 5: 1-13

Now there was a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish kin. For there were those who said, 'With our sons and our daughters, we are many; we must get grain, so that we may eat and stay alive.' There were also those who said, 'We are having to pledge our fields, our vineyards, and our houses in order to get grain during the famine.' And there were those who said, 'We are having to borrow money on our fields and vineyards to pay the king's tax. Now our flesh is the same as that of our kindred; our children are the same as their children; and yet we are forcing our sons and daughters to be slaves, and some of our

daughters have been ravished; we are powerless, and our fields and vineyards now belong to others.'

I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these complaints. After thinking it over, I brought charges against the nobles and the officials; I said to them, 'You are all taking interest from your own people.' And I called a great assembly to deal with them, and said to them, 'As far as we were able, we have bought back our Jewish kindred who had been sold to other nations; but now you are selling your own kin, who must then be bought back by us!' They were silent, and could not find a word to say. So I said, 'The thing that you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God, to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us stop this taking of interest. Restore to them, this very day, their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the interest on money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them.' Then they said, 'We will restore everything and demand nothing more from them. We will do as you say.' And I called the priests, and made them take an oath to do as they had promised. I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, 'So may God shake out everyone from house and from property who does not perform this promise. Thus may they be shaken out and emptied.' And all the assembly said, 'Amen', and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

John 9

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His

parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem Condry '*I will lift up mine eyes*'

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

News and Events

Fairtrade Fortnight Ends Sunday 5th October. As we come to the end of Fairtrade fortnight, please consider "brew it fair" and switching your tea and coffee purchases.

Monday Lunchtime Recitals Monday 6th October 1.15pm. Nicole Mok (Piano) followed by Rishabh Jain (Piano) on the 13th October. Free but donations welcome.

Kingston Chamber Concerts Monday 6th October 7.30pm Rio Piano Trio. Tickets £15/£5 students www.eventbrite.co.uk or www.kingstonchamberconcerts.org

Poppy Cascades construction Tue 7th and Wed 8th October 1.30pm We will be constructing the poppy cascades in church from 1.30 to 2-30pm. Please come along and help if you can. Any queries to Liz Deller comms@allsaintskingston.co.uk

Bereavement Café Wed 8th October 2-3pm. A space to find mutual support from others who understand the experience of loss. Come and go as you wish. Free.

Racial Justice Course - Wednesday 8th October. 7:30-9:30pm. Join us in the Heritage Gallery for four sessions of discussion, reflection, and prayer, on this important and timely topic. We will be using a course designed by the Diocese of Southwark to promote it's Anti-Racism Charter. For more information or to express an interest contact course lead Charlie Thompson (Ordinand) charlie@allsaintskingston.co.uk.

Organ Recital Friday 10th October 1.15-2pm. Adrian Goss from St Swithun's, East Grinstead followed by James Orford on 17th October. Free but donations welcome.

Harvest Festival - Sunday 12th October All-Age Choral Eucharist (with Junior choir) 9.30am and Choral Matins 11am. As is our custom we will gladly receive non-perishable foods at our Harvest Thanksgiving service to pass on to the Kingston Foodbank. A 'shopping list' of suitable items is on our website..

Ignatian Prayer Space Tuesday 14th October 5:30pm in the Nave. A contemplative, quiet prayer session, new attendees welcome. Second Tuesday of the month.

Poetry Sessions – Tuesday 21st October 5.30-6.15pm Led by Sheila Bryant in the choir vestry, usually on the fourth Tuesday of every month and open to all.

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal. Leaflets for this year's appeal are now available in church, please pick up a form so that you know what should be included in your box. Filled and wrapped boxes need to be brought into church by 1 November at the latest. www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2025

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